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Detectives arrest six men in prostitution operation

In an effort to deter prostitution and human trafficking in Howard County, police conducted an undercover operation July 9, resulting in the arrest of six men for solicitation of prostitution and related charges.

Officers arrested the would-be johns for soliciting prostitution at a hotel in the 8100 block of Washington Boulevard in Jessup. As part of the operation, detectives placed fake ads on various websites known by detectives to be used for prostitution. Men who called the number in the ad spoke with an undercover female officer who provided a meeting location upon the caller's request. When the men arrived and offered money for sex acts, they were arrested and charged with solicitation of prostitution and disorderly conduct:

- Kenneth Ballard, 53, of Princess Anne
- Alexander Collins, 30, of Crofton
- Nigel Khan, 33, of Beltsville
- Thong Nhan, 35, of Ellicott City
- Pierre Raymond, 27, of Beltsville
- Daoning Zhang, 44, of Columbia

This operation is part of Howard County's ongoing effort to combat prostitution, human trafficking and related offenses and aids in making the county an unappealing place for traffickers and johns.

If you are a victim, HCPD can offer housing, treatment and other help. If you suspect Human Trafficking, OR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A VICTIM:

- CALL 911 or 410-313-3200 to speak privately to a detective.
- Tip line: 410-290-3784 or email: hcpdcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov

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